



Frequently Asked Questions
PARKING ON THE CAPITOL COMPLEX

Q1. What parking options are available on the Capitol Complex?

A1. There are several parking options for anyone who spends time on the Complex. Visitors can choose between the parking structure at East Grand and Pennsylvania Avenues, visitor parking lots, and street parking. Employees should use employee-permit lots, located near all major buildings, allowing visitors to utilize the parking available on the street. Please see the Capitol Complex Map at the end of this document to locate specific lots.

Q2. Where is the parking structure located? What is the occupancy of the structure?

A2. The seven-level parking structure is located on the northwest corner of East Grand and Pennsylvania Avenues, west of the Wallace State Office Building and north of the State Historical Building. The parking structure has 862 regular parking spaces and 21 handicapped accessible parking spaces for a total of 883. Approximately 90 spaces are used for storage of the DAS Motor Pool vehicles. On a daily basis an average of another 300 to 400 spaces are used, though the Legislative session, events at the Historical Building, and other Capitol Complex events can create a variance in this number.

Q3. Is there a fee to park in the structure? What are the hours?

A3. There is no fee to park in the garage. The structure is open from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Overnight parking is not permitted (except for DAS Motor Pool customers). Overnight parking is available in the north row of Lot 16 located south of the Mercy Capitol Medical Center, East 12th and Des Moines Streets.

Q4. What options are there for getting around the Complex if I park in the parking structure?

A4. The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART), in conjunction with the State Legislature, City of Des Moines, and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) piloted a free shuttle service between the State Capitol Building, the State Historical Building, and the parking structure from January 29 through March 9. The shuttle can be boarded at the northwest corner of East Grand and Pennsylvania or at the southwest corner of East Locust and East 7th/Pennsylvania. The shuttle was so popular with visitors to the Capitol Complex that the legislature agreed to extend shuttle service until April 27, 2007. Please see the map at the end of this document for more information.

Q5. How often does the shuttle run and during what hours?

A5. It takes the shuttle approximately ten (10) minutes to make the entire loop. The shuttle runs Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Q6. What do I need to know about parking on the streets in the Complex? Where is street parking available?

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A6: Street parking was made available in January 2007 to help alleviate parking congestion during the legislative session. Street parking is available mostly on the south and east sides of the Capitol Complex on the following streets:

- East Walnut Street between East 12th Street and East 14th street
- Finkbine south of East Walnut
- Dey Street between East Walnut and East Court
- East 12th Street between East Walnut and Des Moines Street
- East 13th Street between East Walnut and East Grand

These areas are designated by signs which limit the hours these spaces can be used. Be sure to locate signs in regards to the hours which street parking is available and do not park on the street unless there is a sign indicating that parking is allowed in that area.

Q7: Where are ADA/accessible parking spaces available?

A7: Accessible parking spaces are available in a variety of locations on the Capitol Complex. Seven different parking lots contain parking spaces for employees and visitors with disabilities, in addition to parking for visitors. These lots are labeled with the following numbers on the Capitol Complex map provided at the end of this document: 1, 2, 11, 15, 19, 21 and 24. There are also a number of accessible spaces in the parking structure at East Grand and Pennsylvania Avenues, and the Capitol shuttle is handicap- and wheelchair-accessible.

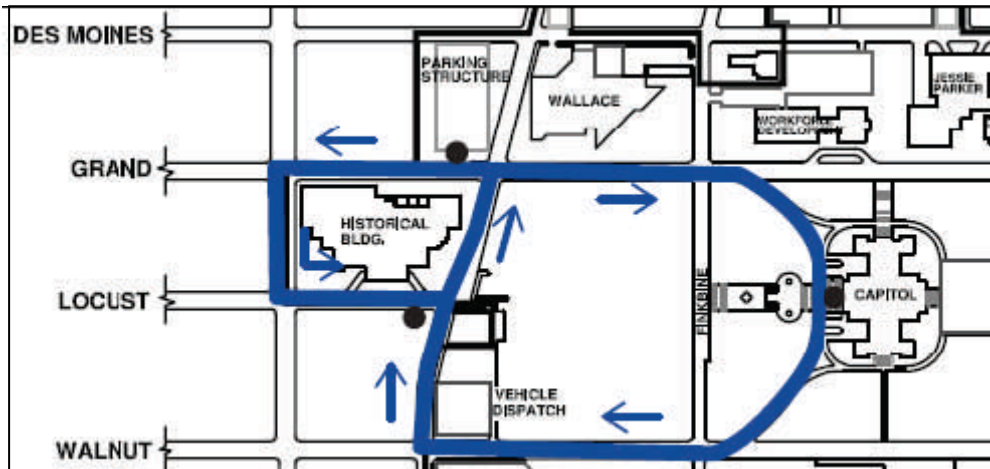
Q8: Are there accommodations on the Capitol Complex for my bicycle?

A8: Bicycle racks on the Complex are located at the Capitol, Grimes, Historical, Hoover, Lucas and Miller Buildings. There are also bike racks available in the parking structure. These racks are usually located near the main public entrance and are newer models designed with bicycle friendly loops to reduce the risk of bent wheels. Regardless of where you leave your bicycle, please remember it is *your responsibility* to provide a lock to secure your bike.

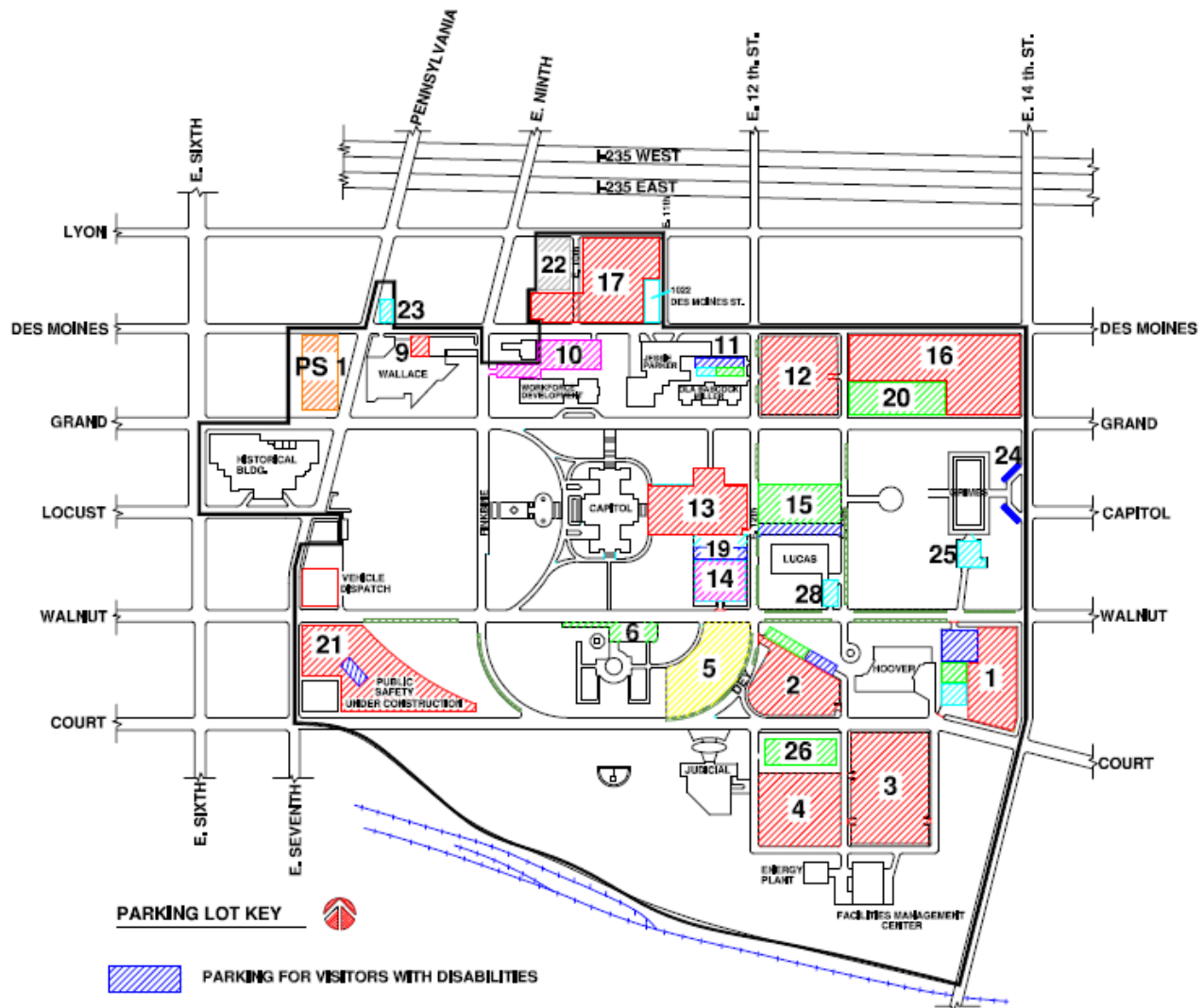
For more information about parking on the Capitol Complex, please visit:
<http://das.gse.iowa.gov/events/parkinginfo.html>.

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CAPITOL SHUTTLE ROUTE: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 7 AM – 6 PM



IOWA CAPITOL COMPLEX PARKING MAP



ADDITIONAL ACCESSIBLE PARKING IS ALSO LOCATED IN EMPLOYEE AND VISITOR LOTS.
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